Big Picture – Where are we now?

Medicaid

- State assumed projected \$239.6 million in MH/DS Medicaid expenditures beginning July 1, 2012.
- Medicaid county bills from FY 2012 remain unpaid due to counties concern about being able to cash flow non-Medicaid expenditures solely with property tax levy.
- Several Medicaid questions remain to be answered:
 - o If transition funds are appropriated, should payment of all Medicaid bills be required?
 - o Can the Department allow a multi-year payback of outstanding Medicaid bills?
 - Should there be a cutoff date for bills that need to be cost settled, with the State assuming the burden of the cost settlement after a certain date?

Non-Medicaid

- Counties continue to fund Non-Medicaid Mental Health Services but are limited to their MH Property Tax Levy + any fund balance for FY 2013.
- Counties levying less than \$47.28 per capita are expecting an equalization payment to reach \$47.28 per capita beginning July 1, 2013 (\$29.0 million cost to the State).
- Counties above \$47.28 will be required to reduce their levy to the \$47.28 per capita limit (up to \$10.8 million reduction in property taxes).

Legal Settlement (State Cases Program)

- For FY 2012 and FY 2013, State provides approximately \$12.0 million to fund individuals with no county of legal settlement.
- Beginning July 1, 2013, county of legal settlement is eliminated and funding for individuals seeking treatment is based on county of residency.

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